

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for protecting animals from contacting power lines comprising:

10       a single cylindrical member for engaging a wire comprising a transverse notch to accommodate an insulator when a wire is engaged; and  
      securing means for securing said cylindrical member to said wire.

Claim 2 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 1 wherein said cylindrical member comprises a dielectric material.

15    Claim 3 (original): An apparatus as described in Claim 2 wherein said dielectric material comprises a polymer material.

      Claim 4 (previously presented): An apparatus as described in Claim 1 wherein said securing means comprises at least one helical member for wrapping around  
20    said wire.

      Claim 5 (cancelled).

      Claim 6 (previously presented): An apparatus as described in Claim 4 further  
25    comprising a spike disposed perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said cylindrical member.

      Claim 7 (cancelled).

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